

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Bicycle Advisory Board

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JUNE 2008 MINUTES

SUBJECT: Bicycle Advisory Board Monthly meeting June 3, 2008

ATTENDING: David Kuebler, Kera Peterson, Richard Arey, Ed Lehr, Kurt Schroeder, Don Muske, Chris Budel, Eric Thompson, Rob Barbosa, Matthew Cole, Rob Vanasek, Christina Morrison, Jessica Treat

ABSENT: Eric Haugee (At-Large), Paul Iovino (Police)

GUESTS: Mike Madden (Neighborhoods First), Charlie Lyons (St. Paul resident), John Maczko (City Engineer), Paul St. Martin (Traffic Division manager), Karin Misiewicz (St. Paul Parks and Rec)

SUBMITTED BY: David Kuebler

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 P.M.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL of MAY 2008 MINUTES: Muske, D; SECONDED Lehr, E; YEAS: 8; NEAS: 0; MOTION CARRIED

MOTION for APPROVAL of JUNE 2008 AGENDA: Muske, D; SECONDED: Peterson, K; Discussion: Agenda was modified such that the 6:05 Item, BAB Goals and Work Plan, was deleted and an appearance before the Board by Mike Madden was inserted. If time permitted at the end of the meeting the BAB goals would be discussed. Call to Question: Cole, M; Seconded: Muske, D; YEAS: 8 NEAS: 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCES BEFORE BOARD

- John Maczko, City Engineer to discuss the City's position on reconvening the Ayd Mill Road Task Force
 - History of Ayd Mill Road project
 - Final EIS and Record of Decision was made under Kelly administration to leave roadway connected at St. Anthony and pursue funding for 4 lane
 - Mayor Coleman supports connection to St. Anthony
 - Council resolution from 2007 for pursuing a connection to 35E and exploring a two lane alternative
 - Cross section between Selby and St. Anthony, not between Selby and St. Clair, is different between the alternatives
 - Mayor does not support reconvening task force
 - Current
 - City is pursuing ROW acquisition for extending roadway to St. Anthony
 - City can move forward with construction from Selby to the north

- If going from Selby to Jefferson needs to change, the EIS can be modified administratively without reconvening task force
 - General discussion of the Ayd Mill Road Bike Path which included discussion of bicycle facilities on Ayd Mill from Selby to Marshall. Mr. Maczko stated the shoulder on the road allows for bicycle travel.
 - BAB requested specifics regarding how the bicycle facilities are laid out/planned.
- Paul St. Martin presented information regarding current status of bicycle affairs within Public Works, including:
 - An above base request has been made for 2009 budget to pay for a full time bike/ped coordinator.
 - Traffic Division is reviewing the Transportation portion of the Comprehensive Plan. The goal is to develop a map that details routes.
 - Projects to be constructed or are in the works
 - Midtown Greenway extension
 - Lexington Bikeway
 - Upper Afton (County project)
 - Ohio (Parks project)
 - Shepard Road (Parks project)
 - TLC projects
 - Como and Marshall (funded)
 - Highland Parkway and Jefferson Avenue (funding applied for)
 - Connections to LRT
 - Ruth from Suburban to 3rd (planned)
 - Bike racks at various locations throughout City
 - Bicycle Facilities program
- Karin Misiewicz, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
 - Would like to establish a portable sign program around lakes and on trails to educate people as to safe pathway use
 - Signs would be moved periodically to other locations
 - Karin is looking for input from the BAB; any ideas should be sent to Eric Thompson
- Mike Madden on issue of reconvening Ayd Mill Road Task Force
 - BAB heard Mike Madden regarding Ayd Mill Road
 - BAB discussed need to make decision on resolution presented to the Board by Mr. Madden regarding reconvening Ayd Mill Road Task Force.
 - BAB agreed that the motion as presented by Mr. Madden should be modified to focus on bicycle infrastructure and not reconvening the task force
 - Ed Lehr and Mike Madden are to revise the resolution and present the revised resolution to the BAB in August
 - MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE AUGUST BAB TO GIVE BUDEL AND MADDEN TIME TO CRAFT A NEW RESOLUTION:
Peterson, K; SECONDED: Vanasek; YEAS: 8 NEAS: 1;
 MOTION CARRIED
- Charlie Lyons
 - Pointed Phalen Trail connection needs to be improved
 - Pointed out that vehicle speeds on Pennsylvania near 35E make bicycling unsafe

- Stated White Bear would be a good bike corridor; Board pointed out it would be an uphill struggle to get White Bear as bicycle corridor; BAB provided Charlie with possible resources/means/methods to pursue if he was serious about the issue
- BAB Goals and Work Plan
 - Discussion postponed until next meeting

MOTION to ADJOURN: Treat, J; SECONDED: Lehr, E; YEAS: 9;
NEAS: 0; MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 1, 2008;** 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM at Merriam Park Recreation Center